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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman  
House Armed Services Committee  
2120 Rayburn House Office Building  
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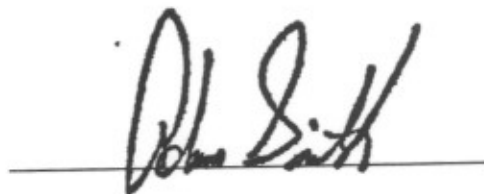
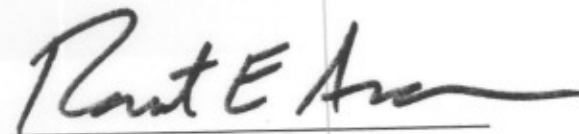
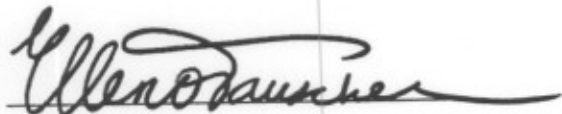
Dear Chairman Hunter,

We are writing to ask that our committee hold hearings on the state of the threat posed by Iran and the range of operational plans that have been or might be developed to deal with that threat. We understand that Ranking Member Skelton has made a similar request and we support his request. An April 9 Washington Post article reported that "military officers are weighing alternatives ranging from a limited airstrike aimed at key nuclear sites, to a more extensive bombing campaign designed to destroy an array of military and political targets."

Iran's emerging nuclear program and its potential ability to develop nuclear weapons is a serious threat that requires careful consideration and planning by U.S. policymakers and our military. It is however unacceptable for members of Congress to be informed of these developments through the press.

The Armed Services Committee is tasked with overseeing all military matters facing the nation and we ask that the Committee hold a hearing on any military planning the administration may be doing to counter the Iranian threat as soon as we return back to session.

Sincerely,



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